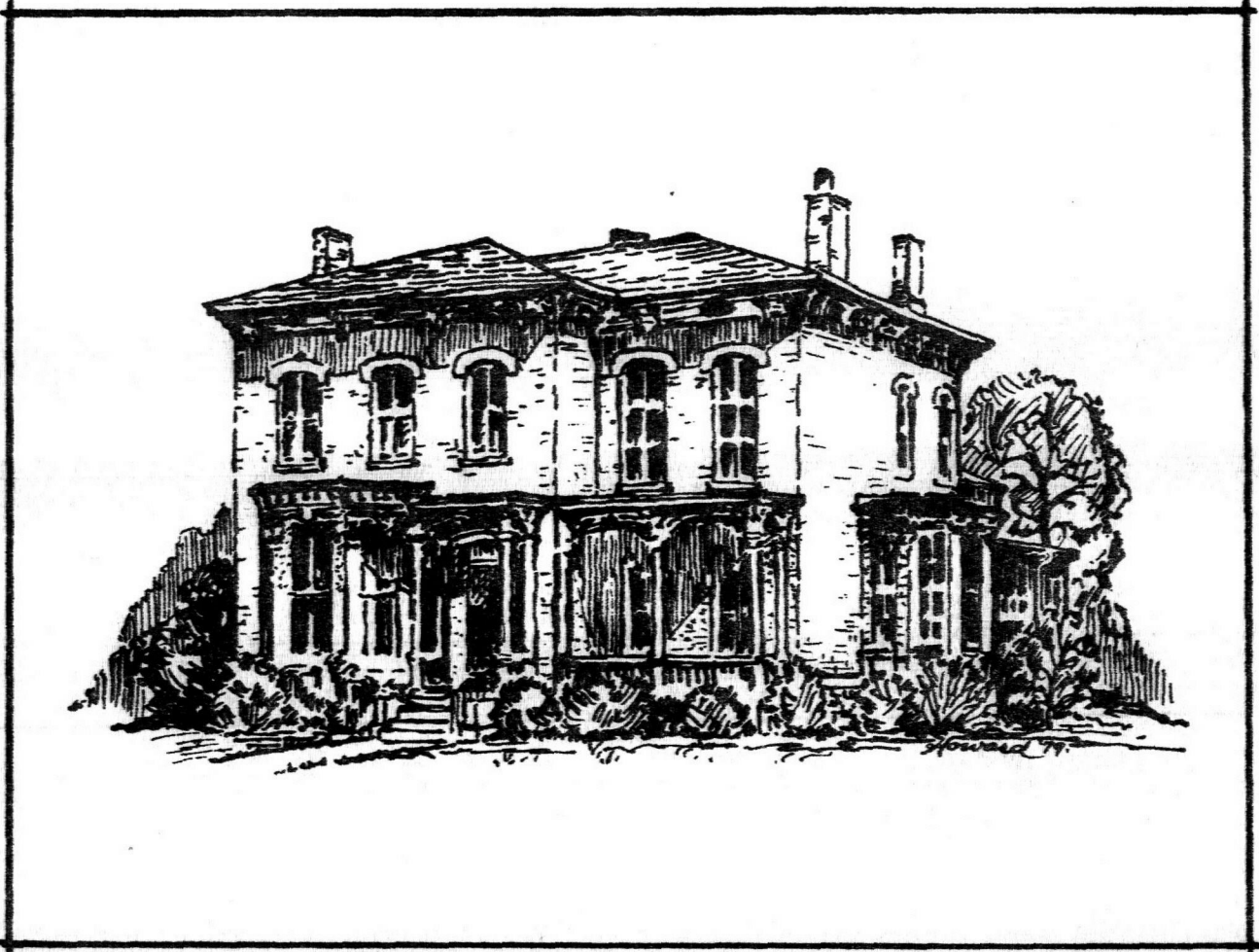


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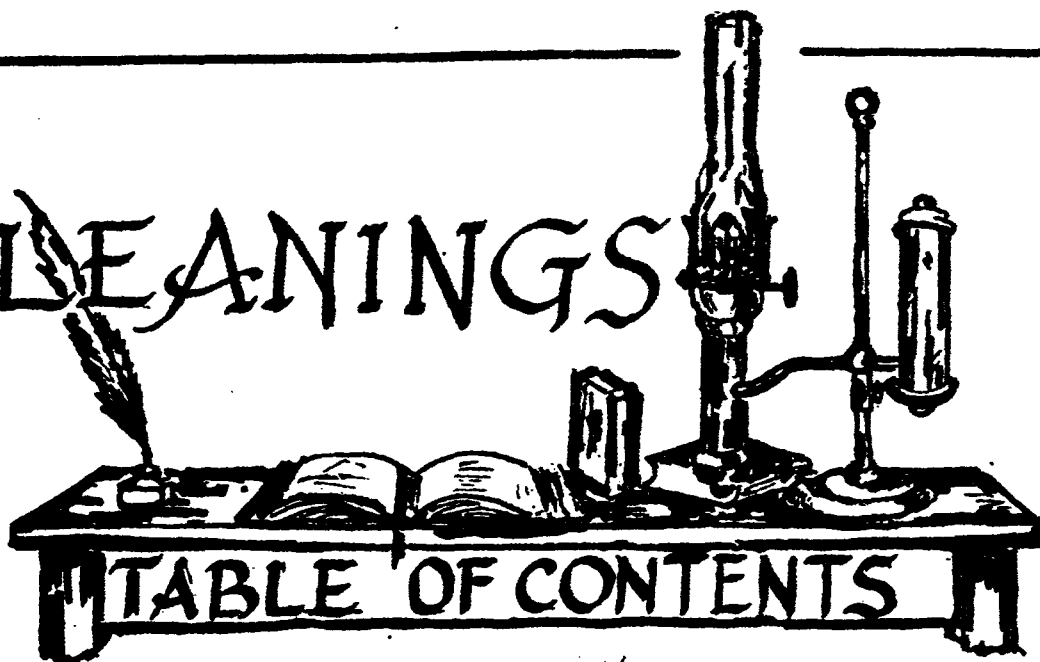
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However, if you don't have a ticket you can't have a  
chance to win. REMEMBER FIRST PRIZE IS \$500.00

Two of our members have told us if they win they want the  
money to go to the Historical Society.

January 5- 1400 signatures on a Petition in favor of confirmation of Miss Frances L. Stewart as Postmistress.

January 10- Grand Opening of the Bath House- D. L. Quirk, Charles King, Robert Lambie, I. N. Conklin, W.H. Hawkins and C.S. Wortley, Committee all in attendance with many others.

January 19- The Hawkins House Hotel and property advertised for sale under Mortgage Foreclosure for \$7,025.00, I.N. Conklin, Mortgagee.

January 25- The G.A.R., in Michigan numbers 250 Posts, with 10,529 members.

ADS APPEARING: A. B. Bell, Dentist- will make best rubber plates for \$8.00. Gold and Silver fillings 25% off. Office over Joe Sanders Clothing Store.

Carson & Rowell, Bankrupt-17 Congress Street(Michigan Avenue) Grocery and Crockery.

Barnum & Earl- 27 Congress Street-Complete line of Jewelry and Silverware.

C.M. Boss-25 Congress Street-Successors to Robbins & Rathfon-Groceries.

J. M. Samson, Hardware- 17 North Huron Street.

March 13- Standard Time adopted nationally and time zones set up

May 4 & 5- Financial Panic in New York City.

October 25- A large gathering of friends and relatives to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Van Dusen on Mill(Maple) Street.

November 22- Died, Mrs. Amanda Buckbee, November 14, 1884, widow of Walter A. Buckbee. She was born December 12, 1801 in Hindsber, Vermont; sister of Ira M. Weed, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

December 13- The Deed Committee of the Carpenter Post No. 180, GAR, are busily engaged in removing the bodies of the 14th and 27th Michigan Infantry from the old Cemetery on Prospect Street and taking them for burial in their special lot in Highland Cemetery. Twenty bodies were removed.

Fire in the Worden Block owned by the Arnold Estate and occupied by John Gallagher, as a Second Hand Furniture and Clothing Store, was consumed. The East Side of the Bortle Building was badly damaged.

December 13- Ads Appearing: Alban & Begole Clothiers.

Fairchild & Smith- Meat Market

J. L. Hudson Clothier, Detroit Opera House Building

M. P. Holmes- Have secured the services of the veteran Miller, Hiram Allen. We have a large power Sheller and will shell your corn free of charge.

Died, Miss Ida L. Aray in Pittsfield Township.

George A. Neat has now reduced prices:

15 lbs. Sugar	\$1.00
5 lbs. Java Coffee	1.40
5 lbs. Mocha Coffee	1.25
100 Choice Mackerel	.75¢
4 boxes Sardines	.25¢

May 2- Died, John Sedwick Jenness, April 22, 1885. He was born October 15, 1811 in Swanton, Vermont. Married Martha Jane Clark, October 10, 1836 and moved to Detroit. Co-partner with John Smith Jenness in Grocery and Crockery business. Wife died August 11, 1849. In 1850 her married Lucy Jane Moore. In 1859 he came to Ypsilanti and had a grocery store, February 24, 1863, his second wife died. He then married Emma A. Ellis, who was the mother of all his children.

May 7- Harry Sinclair Lewis was born.

June 19- Barhtold's Statue of Liberty arrived in New York.

August 10-First Electric Street railway completed in Baltimore.

October Ads Appearing: P.H. Devoe, Old Flour & Feed Store, south side of Congress.

Lawrence & Smith Grocery- 25 Congress street(Michigan Avenue).

E. Washburn & Co., 29 Congress-Fruits, Nuts, Canned Goods & Tobacc

S.L. Shaw-Stove and 4 foot wood, Lime, Cement, Brick Tile-22 E. Cr

Mrs. May McCorkle-Ladies Hair Goods, Hewitt Block over Comstock & Ebling.

Mrs. Curtis- Winter Millinery, No. 6 in Union Block.

Notice: The Saloons, Drug Stores and Hotel Bars are hereby notified not to sell intoxicating beverages to Thomas Honey, James Morris or John McCauley, Sr. Parties selling will be prosecuted- Signed Martin Cremer, Marshall.

Fire: Second Hand store of John Radaway was badly damaged. Had the been a wind the whole row of wooden buildings would have been destroyed. They were constracted by Madison Cook in 1838.

November 7- W. H. Lewis has become manager of the Ypsilanti Sanitarium. He is from Eaton Rapids.

A number of Citizens met at the Follett House to consider piped water for the City.

At the Follett House was Francis E. Brownell, who avenged the death of Col. Ellsworth at the Marshall House in Alexandria, Virginia. It will be remembered that Ellsworth ascended the stairs to the top of the House and hauled down the Rebel Flag. On his way down, the Proprietor, one Jackson, stepped from under the stairs and shot Ellsworth and was himself shot and killed by Brownell. Brownell is now U.S. Pension Examiner and here on official business.

1885

The Ypsilanti Commercial

November 7- Canadian Pacific Railroad completed, a transcontinental railroad.

December 18- Ads Appearing: Goodspeed and Sons, 8 Congress Street  
Lawrence and Smith's New Grocery, 25 Congress Street.

3 lbs. Muscatel Raisins	.25¢
4 lbs. Prunes	.25¢
Oranges	.30¢ dozen
Lemons	.25¢ dozen
8 Bars soap	.25¢
Fair Roasted Coffee	.12½¢ lb.
Best Roasted Coffee	.20¢

February 5- Mr. T. Phillips has purchased the Barton House-  
Mr. Demosh, former owner will raise berries. It is to be  
called the NEAT House.

President Grover Cleveland married Frances Folsom in the  
White House.

February 18- 'The Buyers Guide', 312 pages, 3500 Illustrations  
from Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago, Illinois.

S.P. Ballard had the misfortune to lose his dwelling by fire.  
(Newcomb News).

February 12- The First National Bank rooms of this city are un-  
equaled in the State. It is a great convenience to have two  
windows to do business. The decoration by the O.E. Thompson Co.,  
under the direction of his son, Edward is superb. The woodwork  
by Mr. Fleming and the papering by Mr. Thompson are in perfect  
harmony. Cashier Pack has reason to be congratulated.

Died, Chester Perry in his 87th year. An early settler, for years  
he kept the leading Hotel called the Perry House located southeast  
corner Congress (Michigan Avenue) and South Huron. Afterwards he  
managed the Bucklin House, corner North Washington and Pearl Stree  
Francis Lambie and his son William stayed at the Perry House in  
1839 when they came to Ypsilanti looking for a farm to buy.

February 22- Charles C. Holland has bought out the drug stock of  
R.E.Knapp, M.D. on East Cross Street.

R. C. Hayton, skilled gunsmith and doing sewing machine repair,  
located in old Hawkins House which was moved in 1879 to the rear  
of the new Hawkins House.

George Gaudy has the Star Bakery at 20 North Huron Street.

S. Von Haller has a Fish Market in the Cady Block on North Washing

March 4- The Ypsilanti Commercial sold to Henry T. Coe and  
his brother Fred Coe. C.R. Pattison was Editor-Owner for 23 years.

March 19- The Ladies Library is moving to new quarters in the  
Union Block above Joe Sanders Clothing Sore, 202 West Michigan  
Avnue, and expect to open April 3rd. It was 18 years ago that a  
group of women met to organize the Library.

Bankers: Hemphill, Batcheldor & Co., corner of Congress (Michigan  
Avenue) and North Huron Street.



April 23- A great event took place at Normal Hall for the inauguration of the grand organ built by Messers, Johnson & Co., of Westfield, Massachusetts. The organ will be played by Clarence Eddy.

Died, Harriet Newell Long Rexford, wife of Dr. F.K. Rexford, suddenly at her home on North Huron Street. She was born May 24, 1816 at Shelbourne, Chenago County, New York State. She married March 22, 1837 and came the following June to Ypsilanti. A member of the Presbyterian Church.

May 4- Haymarket riot and bombings in Chicago. Labor battling for 8 hour day. Seven police and four workers died, 66 wounded.

June 4- Friends gather to celebrate the 18th birthday of Eunice Lambie.

July 30- Meeting of the First National Bank at which the following were elected: President, D.L. Quirk; Vice President, Lambert Barr Cashier, W.L. Pack; Directors, D.L. Quirk; S. H. Dodge, E.F. Uhl; L. H. Barnes; Charles King and C.S. Wortley.

August 13- Died, Eveline A. Beckley Fisher, daughter of Zdbadee and Linda Beckley. She was born September 2, 1838 in Ann Arbor. Married Andrew Fisher, December 3, 1854 and in 1855 located in Augusta Township. They lived there 32 years. She died August 5, 1886. She was a great worker in the State Grange.

The Fire Department was out on Thursday evening to test the efficacy of the pipe laid down from the river up thru Congress Street (Michigan Avenue). It exceeded all expectations throwing streams on Washington Street and two on Huron Street. Everything worked like a charm and now those streets are independent of the old fire cisterns.

September 3- Died, Grove Sanders, age 71 who resided on the Salin Road. He died August 31, 1886. He was born in Lawrence County, New York March 15, 1815, son of James and Betsy Saunders. Moved to Ypsilanti in 1839. In 1859 he purchased 240 acres in Pittsfield Township. Married Cynthia W. Ballard, January 17, 1850. His brother H.S. Saunders lived in Ypsilanti. Grove changed the spelling of his name from Saunders to Sanders because of so much mixup in the mail with his brother. He was a carpenter and probably built the house at 4980 Michigan Avenue.

September 4- Geronimo the famous Apache Indian surrendered.

September 10- Died, Walter B. Hewitt, September 4, 1886. He was born in Stillwater, Saratoga County, New York, February 4, 1800, son of Elias. His Grandfather, Walter Served in the Revolution. In 1825 he married Polina Childs, Came to Ypsilanti in 1831 and was a shoe maker.

September 30- Died, Polly Bush, Born February 20, 1805 in New York. She came to Ypsilanti in 1824 with her husband, Thomas Bush. They lived at Lowell (Superior Township) until 1851 and they lived on East Cross Street.

1886

September 30- Professor McLouth accepted Presidency of Dakota Agricultural College.

November 5- Died, Joseph Kitchen, October 18, 1886. He was born April 25, 1820 at Hackettstown, New Jersey. Came to Ypsilanti in 1841.

Died, Lee K. Forsyth, October 31, He was born in Connecticut, May 15, 1800. Came to Michigan in 1830. Married Eveline Welch, May 15, 1831. He was a chair maker and farmer in Augusta Township and was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Died, Olive Gorton Graves, October 29. Born in New Libon, Otsego County, New York. Daughter of Job and Sarah Emerson Gorton. She taught school at age 15 after coming with parents to Woodruff's Grove.

November 12- Trim & McGregor of Detroit have bought out Born & Mapes.

Died, Samuel Robbins. He was born October 20, 1806 in Harvard, Worcester County, Massachusetts. Came to Michigan in 1869. He was a Presbyterian but turned to the Methodists during a Revival Meeting. Married Rachael Mersereau in 1829. She died in 1862 and he then married Rebecca Swift in 1864.

December 3- Stevenson, the Photographer, has photographed Demetrius Ypsilanti and printed the pictures in various sizes. The Commercial Editor thinks every home in Ypsilanti should have one.

ADS: Hough's Book Store- Huron at Pearl Street.  
Banghart & Clark-South side of Congress  
"Finest Meats of all kinds"  
Johnson & Company-East Cross at the Depot: Groceries,  
Notions, Boots & Shoes-Hardware.  
Lambert & Sons-Meat Market & Canned Goods at the Depot.

December 8- American Federation of Labor formed.

# Acquisitions

Duane Crittenden

Pewter Candle Stick Holders, and dish.  
Butter paddle, tack hammer used since  
1900

Iron Kettle, dates from 1895.

Fruit Press

Double Spring Traps used for trapping  
Coon & Fox along Paint Creek.

Single Trap used for Muskrat & Mink.

Bottle & Salt from Mineral Wells on  
Huron Street.

Copy of the Historical Mill built by  
William Parker.

Copy of taped interview with Duane  
Parker Crittenden, grandson of William  
Parker, of his experiences while working  
as a Guard at Ford Motor Company 40  
years ago.

John Dawson

Many Miscellaneous Pictures, Report  
Card, Diploma, Bible and Books that  
belonged to Wesley Dawson (father) and  
Martin Dawson (Grandfather) of John.

Doris Milliman

8 Post Cards: Central High  
Michigan State Normal  
Residence Hall  
Pease Auditorium  
McKenny Hall  
Science Bldg.  
Starkweather Hall  
College Hall

# Acquisitions

Mrs Frank Horton

2 Newspapers:

The Ypsilantian-April 23, 1886  
and October 1, 1896.

1 Song Book from E.M.U. (Michigan  
State Normal College) 1852:

These items were owned by  
Mr. Ollie Blum of Ypsilanti  
who passed away recently.

Miss Ada Holmes

1 Linen Tablecloth, crocheted  
corners-made by Mrs. Nora  
Holmes, also 10 Napkins.  
1 Card Table Cover

Mrs John (Marlene) Barr

2 United States Army Jackets  
A set of Books-Stoddard's Lectures  
Wild Beasts by P.T. Barnum.

Mrs Helen Smallidge

1# Union Leader Tobacco Can.

Mrs Florence Cook

1 Rectangular Table-c 1926

# Acquisitions

Mrs Gertrude Nanry

Cut Glass Vase  
Cut Glass Water Pitcher  
Bible-Presented to Mrs. Nanry  
by N.T.A.  
Glass Ball Paper Weight  
1900 Song Book- compiled by  
the Family.  
Various Artifical Flowers



Robert LaRue



A Book: The 32nd Divisor  
in the World War.

Mrs Henry Rockwell

A Shawl that belonged to  
Mrs. Rockwell's Aunt-  
Alice Ashenurst

1879

January 1st- Frank loaned \$200 to R. Fletcher. Elizabeth took the train for her school in Pittsfield-Anna went on the train at night for Manchester.

January 6- Elizabeth's birthday 22 years-Wife and I went in the long sleigh to visit old friends and Father's home.

January 10- Sent a load of corn and wheat to Rawsonville. Paid Frank \$16 for new sleigh.

January 17- Wife and I took dinner with brother Robert-pleasant time.

January 23- The Wm. Campbells' went with us to Andrew Campbells' in the long sleigh. Frank brought a load of fence posts from Sumoter.

January 25- Burns' born 120 years ago. Wife and I went to hear Andrew Campbell lecture on Burns' in the evening-good lecture to a small audience.

January 27- Prince Bennett died. T. Casey fiddled in the evening.

January 30- Pumray who harvested for us died suddenly- Wm. Campbell gave me \$150 check-gave it to Robert for a note on John Miller of \$150 owed to Robert. Interest \$7.50.

February 1st- Sold 4 dozen eggs .6¢.

February 3- Brother Frank in Detroit-sent the Strathaven Times.

February 8- The Wm. Campbells' and I went to A. Campbells' and had a great visit-the wee laughing infant son, bright boy's and bonnie lassies. And old Mr. Fisher age 91.

February 10- Frank sold the old sow he bought for \$12 and we kept it nearly 3 years and did not get more than \$2 more than we paid-was glad to get rid of the profitless troublesome brute.

February 13- Settled with Frank-\$10 for pig money coming to me. Wrote a letter and some lines to sister Isabell(Todd).

February 15- Wrote sister Agnes-cleaned the stable-read the Strathaven Times.

February 18- Wife and I to visit Ben Voorhees-Bell started at Normal-snow storm-Mary Campbell came home with Bell-Frank speared 4 big fish.

1879

February 21- Got the horses shod. The old red cow had a calf.

February 22- Wife and I and Robert went to town-The Band played and the Light Guards marched in honor of Washington's Birthday.

February 25- Gorton offered \$45 for the big steer-Wife and I went to John Clarkes desolate home in Pittsfield-Elizabeth met us at young Robert Campbells gate with glee and we stayed with our kind friends over night.

March 3- Corn stalks nearly fed out. Luckens offered \$45 for the white heffer- Bees flying and ice and snow melting.

March 6- We sawed down John Flemings tree-about 40 years since I stood beneath its shade-it stood for 300 years like a sentinel in the forest.

March 10- \$100 from Wm. Campbell-Walked down in the evening to hear Miss Weed on Westminster Abby and Mr. Rexford on Morals-fearful thunderstorm and Robert was kind enough to meet me with a lantern.

March 11- Roberts Birthday-young friends came at night for his Birthday party.

March 13- Brother Robert putting new glass in his store front. Wife to see sick Mrs. Fletcher.

March 15- We were waken by some one shouting Mrs. L and the boys were to come to Fletchers. Mrs. Fletcher was dying.

March 17- Wife and I went to her Fathers in afternoon-bleak blasts and rough roads-pleasant time.

March 19- The boys went to the Bacon sale. It is sad when a family loses the home and sader when they disgrace the Church and neighborhood with extravagance and fraud.

March 24- Frank and Casey killed the 4 profitless pigs. The Knapp boy took away Robert all night and vexed us.

March 28- Sad and angry at the Boys.

March 30- Frank helped bury Wm. Perrin.

1879

April 1st Wife and I went to visit J. Miller and found him boiling sap- He had a rousing fire by a wee log house in the woods-a real rural visit. The roads so bad we broke the buggy.

April 3- 4 went to funeral for old Mr. Voorhees-a great good man-some could speak better but none live better.

April 5- Got feed ground- Left \$100 of Mrs. L's money with William Campbell.

April 8- Sold the white Heffer to Gortin for \$57.50.

April 13- Temperance lectures in town, speaking to crowded house.  
Ben Roberts helped put more sleepers in barn floor.

April 15- My Birthday-Burned marsh grass to celebrate Shakespears Birthday and mine.

April 20- Mr. Galpin took the Census-gathered stones and planted strawberries.

April 24- Went to town with butter, eggs and Pie Plant.

April 28- Turned the cattle out to pasture. Mr. Campbell came-pleasant time-Wife with some plants went home with him. Planted 5 peach trees. Frank working on the hen house.

April 30- Jerome got two swarms of bees.

May 1st- Frank hung the rolling doors on the barn-went to see friend Casey- he seems near the grave.  
Brother Frank sent a Scotch Letter with heather from the Ryelandside- all my interest in that famous farm.

May 3- William Campbell paid J. Miller \$1.50 for cleaning the School house-Wife walked to her brothers' (William Campbell)

May 5- Have about 30 lambs, 4 young ducks-paid G. Stevenson \$6.50 for seed oats.

May 8- A. Campbell and wife came and wife went home with them.

May 10- Marked for corn-Frank and Robert finished planting.

May 14- Mr. Lay wants me to address the Pioneers in June.

May 17- Robert and I went to the River-I left him there fishing.Paid R. Crippen \$60 for his Sister's teaching. Wm. Campbell paid \$53.75 payment in full. Bought a coat for \$10.



May 19- Dan Miller helped us wash sheep-Mr. McCormick tried to hive two swarms of bees. Only got one.

May 20- Robert took a grist to Rawsonville-Frank shore sheep for Ben Voorhees-R. Fletcher offered \$95 for horse, Fred.

May 22- Mary's Birthday.

May 24- Robert and I cut the lamb's tails-21 ewes, 17 rams-38 in all.

May 26- Went to Detroit to Brother Frank's then to Agnes, James and Mother-Some treating me kindly and some not.

May 27- Went to Royal Oak to see sister Isabell Todd-a pleasant time on her farm-the hard work seems to be on the farm, the grandeur in the City.

May 29- Agnes and I planted daisies on Father's grave. Came home on the Noon train.

June 2- Wife and I to the Pioneer Meeting. I read a paper-a great discussion what rooms to accept in the New Court House.

June 4- The boys worked on the road-A few ripe strawberries. My paper at the Pioneers is in the Commercial.

June 7- Shore Sheep-Robert and I did up the wool.

June 10- Finished shearing-think we have 107 old sheep and 42 lambs. Paid Dan Miller \$2.50 for shearing. Ainsworth talked about 27 for the best wool. Frank went to shear for Clawson.

June 12- Sold a Wedder and Lamb to Crane for \$5.

June 13- Bees swarming.

June 19- Bell's Birthday-sold 60 Bushels what for \$1.03, and then 60 more.

June 21- Frank paid \$123.20 for wheat he sold-Robert and Bell went to bring Elizabeth home from her school. Our table beautiful with Flowers her Scholars brought her.

June 23- The butcher took away old Dainty and the 4 year old steer, Fred and paid Frank for them. The cows jumped the fence and got in the road.

June 25- Bought 17 quarts strawberries from Mr. Gray. Mary, Elizabeth, Bell and I walked down to hear the graduation exercises at the Normal-Some good speaking and a grand building-the audience looked rich and prosperous.

June 27- To town in forenoon-got in 3 loads of hay-it was hard to rake and we hurried to get it in as a storm was coming.

June 28- Was up in the night-Frank was suffering where a nail had hurt his foot.

July 1st- Frank bought a Sulky rake from Casey \$12. The rake a fine improvement. Drew in all the hay. New potatoes for dinner.

July 4- Went to Wm. Campbell's-Frank went to Niagra Falls.

July 5- Mr. Casey's man helped us get in more hay-sold two fat sheep to McCormick for \$6. Two girls went to Dr. Van Tiles party at night.

July 7- Went to see a new buggy-Robert brought it home-Paid \$90- Wife and I went to Wm. Campbell's for cherries.

July 9- We all went to the Church Semi-Centennial-a grand affair. Mr. Green read the Church History. And a great feast in the basement. George & Mary McDougal, the only first members-faithful for 50 years. Robert and 4 girls rode to Frain's Lake.

July 12- Fearful thunderstorm. Lightning struck and burned a neighbor's barn.

July 13- Had a fine ride to the Church in the new buggy. Bell milking at sunrise. The dog ran away and the boy's got another.

July 15- Casey came with her reaper-and got all the wheat cut.

July 17- Robert, August and I drew in all the wheat and bound some barley-Frank helped Casey. Paid August \$7 for harvest work.

July 20- Cleaned and sold about 97 bushels wheat \$9. Brother Robert came and we went to the Old Moon Farm and got 10 bushels of wheat.

July 24- Bought pants from Robert \$2.50-hat \$1. The poem I wrote about the Semi-Centennial was in the Commercial.

July 30- August cradled the oars south of the house. Wife, Mary, Elizabeth and I went to John Taylor's to tea and then to Prayer meeting.

August 1st- Paid August \$5.50 for work-It is the Colored Man's Day-Emancipation.

August 4- Boy's and August drew Manure with Wm. Campbell's wagon.

August 5- Frank, Robert, Bell and I went on the Excursion to Detroit and Belle Isle Island and to Harsen's Island on the steamer Northwest-A pleasant trip-called on Frank, Mrs. Inglis.

August 6- Sold 5 Wedders to Lucken \$15 and one lamb \$2. He paid \$12. August went to work for Fletcher.

August 12- Wife and I went to town and brought Kate and Willy Inglis. Lucken paid \$5 on sheep-Youngsters in great glee. Girl's went to see Miss Yakley.

August 15- Frank took Kate to the Depot-finished plowing the hill field-Fletcher's chilled plow does good work.

August 17- Frank and Willie Campbell went to Church in the old buggy-the 4 girls, Robert and Willie Inglis in the new one-I stayed home-Bell came at noon-walked home.

August 19- Went to town-got Robert's horse shod-bought 3 Excursion tickets.

August 20- Mary, Elizabeth and I went with the Excursion to Watkins Grove and saw his great farm.

August 22- Wife and I went to Augusta-found Mr. Campbell weak from overwork.

August 23- Frank and I went to Barns to see if Bemis could thrash for us. The 4 girls had their Portraits taken.

August 25- The boys helped Fletcher thrash-took Willie Inglis to the Depot. Gabriel Campbell came-a pleasant visit.

August 28- Elizabeth was offered and accepted a situation in the Union School.

August 30- No market for wool-Moved it to the woodshed.

September 1st- Elizabeth's first day of teaching in the Union School. Heard old Mr. Fisher died-Went to School meeting-small attendance- Elected Assessor again-Rensefor to furnish the wood.

September 2- Bell, Robert and I went to the Fisher funeral.. Sick that night.

September 5- Jerome came with his steam thrasher and thrashed 196 bushels of Oats, 41 Bushels of Barley-155 Bushels Wheat-25 Bushels per acre-the best yield yet. The engine did not run very well. Plenty of help and too much swearing and straw stack too flat. Paid \$1.50 for coal and did not have enough.

1879

September 7- Sacramento and only one added to the Church-

September 8- Bought 30 Bushels seed wheat from Mr. Leach for \$30. Drilled about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of it in the South Field.

September 10- Went to the Cars (Depot) with Anna to see her leave for Elkhardt-Brother Robert and Francis came to see us- All went to Robert's for dinner-Grand affair. Went to Union School to see Elizabeth.

September 11- All corn cut- some welcome rain-Paid Jones \$1 for cleaning well.

September 17- Frank and I sent to State Fair in Detroit- Saw Agnes, Francis and went over the water to Canada-Frank and I slept at Mother's and was kindly treated-Mother bright and happy at 82- No room for me in Detroit.

September 19- John Miller paid \$12 interest.

September 22- Frank working for Wm. Campbell-Robert digging potatoes and I picking them up. Borrowed \$30 from brother Robert and paid A.J. Leach for seed wheat.

September 25- 3 tramps got their supper and slept in the barn.

September 29- Settled with Frank-he owes me \$18. Mr. Thorn paid his note \$100.

September 30- Wife and I went to John Millers and got 2 ladders and Drill-\$1 for Wheat drill and 75¢ for ladders. Paid Mrs. L \$30 I owed her and Bell \$25.

October 1st- Gathered apples-warm and sultry-went to town and got apple barrells-

October 2- Brother Robert and Francis returned from visiting Sister Isabell-apple crop poor. Took 4 bushels wheat to the Mill and got 4 more barrells-Pomray helped husk and pick apples.

October 4- Took a barrell of apples to brother Robert-got a grist.

October 6- Loaned C. Fletcher \$50-Frank went to shingle for Wm. Campbell.

October 9- Husking corn-Wm. Campbell horse and buggy to take his family beyond Saline.

October 11- Bell and Eunice gathered nuts-heard of sad accident on the railroad near Jackson-15 killed.

October 14- Robert caught all the sheep and Frank marked those for sale-95 old ones-44 lambs-139 in all.

October 15- Frank, Robert and I went to the sale winding up the affairs of good old honest Mr. Voorhees- big crowd and big sale-bought a few things.

October 18- Frost- husked and went to town-small crop and small price for apples.

October 20- Went to hear about enlarging the Church. John Geddes, A. Campbell, Mr. Green did not pull together.

October 22- Brother Robert, Mrs. Morton and Eunice paid us a pleasant visit.

October 25- Husked and gathered russetts and nearly all the apples. Took 2 barrells to Miss Patin-Paid Pomray \$5 and Casey \$2.75.

October 26- Mary, Elizabeth and I went to Church at night in the Moonlight and Saxtons great house was all right when we went down and nearly all burned down when we came back.

October 28- P. VanAtten digging for water east of the Barn and found water at 15 feet.

October 31- Bell took \$33 to Lula Crippen for teaching. Wife and I went to Augusta-cold ride-good roads.

November 1st- J. McDougall came for Mrs. L to take care of his sick mother. Paid Pomray.Heard of Chandler's death.

November 3- Snow and Winter here-Robert took Elizabeth to School-Put the sheep in the Orchard.

November 6- Mrs. L was brought home after waiting until Mrs. McDougall died.

November 7- Robert and Mrs. L started for Augusta to tell the sad news of the old Aunt's death.(was she a Muir? or Anne Muir Campbell's Aunt?)

November 8- Sold 657 lbs wool to Mr. Chidester-\$203.57. Wife, Robert and I with Wm. Campbell's went to old Mrs. McDougall's funeral.

November 11- Frank and I went to Hewitt's and then to Goodspeeds and bought a Ram for \$5.

November 14- Rain-Rain- sent 2 barrells apples to Sister Agnes.Gave Frank \$200 for the Wool-Repaired the pig pen.Paid Mr. Cherry \$18 for teaching.

November 17- Robert started with Elizabeth to the Union School.

John Miller took away the Ram.

November 18- Pomray and I drew in all the corn. Elizabeth's School dismissed-

November 22- Bought a suit of clothes at Roberts' store \$15.50. Heard of old Mr. Howland's death(John's father).

November 25- Sold 21 old sheep to Mr. Freeman \$27-helped drive then over the railroad. Wife and I went to old Mr. Howland's funeral.

November 26- Killed a sheep for Thanksgiving-

November 28- Thanksgiving-the Wm. Campbell's and John Taylor's families came to dinner with us, pleasant time.

December 1st-Made a pen for the Calves-oiled the harness and the buggy-sold 3 sheep pelts to G. Gager \$2.50. Wife, Mary and I drove to Rawsonville and bought blankets \$10. Paid Mr. Ronsifer \$16 for School wood-Robert paid \$5 for tuition

December 13- Received from W. Crippen \$193.67 for School money. Lots of snow-bought overshoes from John Boyd \$1.85.

December 22- Frank & Jerome killed two swine- 4 of us went to a big surprise party for Uncle Wm., brother Robert-Wm. C. got a present in gold. Sold pigs 480 lbs for \$10.00.

December 24- Anna arrived from Elkhardt.

December 25- Christmas-we all received nice presents-a Christmas box from Sister Agnes-the 4 girls and 2 boys received valuable tokens, kindness of brother Robert-I always think of Father on Christmas-1868-Eleven years since he last spoke to me for the last time.

December 29- Went to town got a barrell of Salt-good sleighing and fast driving- also 60 lbs rock salt-packed pork in the afternoon.

December 31- Last of 1879-Another year with all its joys and sorrows gone.

Demetrius Ypsilanti  
1793-1832

Hero of the Greek War of Independence  
whose valor and whose ideals of free-  
dom provided inspiration and a name  
for a pioneer Michigan settlement.

YPSILANTI - PEACE AND PLENTY

Ypsilanti had its beginning as a trading post where Gabriel Godfrom, an astute Frenchman and two comrades met Indians of the Huron, Ottawa, Pottawatomie and Chippewa tribes to exchange wares of civilization for fruits of the hunt. From 1809 to 1820 Godfroy's Trading Post flourished and trails beaten by the aborigines were the welcome beginnings of roads which facilitated pioneer travel.

In 1823 Benjamin Woodruff with a hardy group from Ohio, camped on this sightly spot and they were so deeply impressed by its beauty and advantages that they returned for their families and goods. As Woodruff's Grove and later Waterville, the community grew and prospered with Major Woodruff the able counsellor and guide. Later came neighbors and relatives from the home country who notably brought with their stores of provisions, roses, lilacs and other shrubs to embellish the site.

Soon along the navigable river, grist mills and sawmills appeared, then barrel and wagon industries. Later paper mills flourished and a great knitting plant was established, which through a huge advertising program, considerably in advance of the times, became nationally known.

The naming of the city strikes an interesting keynote. Early inhabitants, deeply impressed by the bravery of the Greek General, Demetrius Ypsilanti, 1793-1832, agreed that this would be a suitable name for the settlement which they sponsored and thus "Waterville" gave way to "Ypsilanti".

The first Independence Day Celebration as in 1824. Elaborate preparations were made for the occasion, all delicacies being brought from Detroit. It is reported too that Clark Sills walked to Detroit and carried two gallons of liquor back on his shoulders. There was a full attendance of white residents of the county, 31 in all. Judge Robert Fleming presided at the table and opposite him sat the Indian Chief, Blue Jacket. The table was loaded with fish and venison.

Hardship was visited upon the Ypsilanti Pioneers in the winter of 1824 following a poor growing season. Chills and fever forced many to their beds...Mrs. Woodruff acted as community nurse preparing a huge kettle of porridge each day from which potions were distributed to the sick. Principal food during that winter was turnips. Rations were drawn from time to time from a limited supply of beans, potatoes and corn.

The most stirring reminiscences of the city's history have to do with the sympathy of the populace for negro slaves fleeing to the Canadian border. Here harried fugitives found refuge and were aided in their flight as they had been in other stations in the famous Michigan "Underground Railway".

Michigan State Normal College, established in 1852, was the first institution of its kind to be found west of the Alleghenies. Many pioneers in Michigan education received their training in Ypsilanti. Today the Normal College with Cleary Business College draws students from many cities of Michigan and neighboring states.

Ypsilanti is a well located, typical American small city. Her industries are diversified and reach out to all parts of the county. She treasures her aloofness from the noises of the metropolis while she values the nearness of its advantages. Among her choicest assets are her educational institutions, splendid churches, public library, literary and garden clubs and musical groups, contributing their spiritual and cultural influence.

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REQUESTS

Anyone having any of the following articles, wishing to donate them to the Museum would be greatly appreciated.

"The Story of Willow Run" by Marion Wilson

1909 City of Ypsilanti Directory

1880 City of Ypsilanti Directory

Letters written during W.W.I. Local or from France.

6 Antique Dining Room Chairs

Brass or Pewter Candlesticks

News from the Administrative Committee

Guide's Luncheon.

The Museum's Administration Committee, with the cooperation of the Historical Society's Board Members, were hosts and hostesses at a luncheon for the guides who are so loyal and helpful during the year.

Sixty-three guests were present at the Ladies' Literary Club, June 19, 1985 to enjoy the delicious food and friendly atmosphere. Kathryn Howard, Ann McCarthy and Billie Wardell solicited and arranged the food that was served from a buffet table. The tables were beautifully decorated with vines interspersed with arrangements of garden flowers, all done by Deci Howard, Marg Gauntlett and Billie Wardell. The tables with their pale green tablecloths and napkins were arranged by Ethel O'Connor, Eileen Harrison and Doris Milliman.

Laverne Howard asked the blessing preceding the luncheon.

The program which was planned by the committee was piano duets played by Eva Kelley and Jim Anderson. The latter is from Livonia and both were music teachers in the Wayne-Westland School System.

David Gauntlett and Ethel O'Connor each spoke briefly regarding the helpfulness of the guides in service to the Museum.

Ethel O'Connor is arranging the schedule of guides at the Museum during the Festival, August 23, 24, and 25th. If you would be interested in assisting, please call Ethel at 482-7952.

Doris Milliman, Chairperson, Administration Committee.

The following Thank you note was received from Ellen Gould.

I was very happy on May Day when I found a lovely May Basket hanging from my door knob.

The May Basket brought back many happy memories.

When I was a little girl, some of my friends and I went into the woods on April 30, to gather wild flowers. There were spring beauties, addie tongues, violets, May flowers and butter cups. Then we made May Baskets, such as the one you made. On May Day we filled our little baskets with flowers such as you did. Then we would go house of our older friends or one who was ill or just any friend and hang it on the door knob as you did.

Then we would call out "May Basket for You" and then go hide. It was fun watching them search for us. They usually found us.

Thank you again for the beautiful May Basket. I loved it.

Ellen E Gould

Thanks so much to the committee that did so much to make these fine people at Gilbert Residence Happy on May Day.

Betty Tunncliffe; Deci Howard;

TO ALL THE MEMBERS:

I hope that everyone is enjoying a delightful summer-vacationing, swimming, fishing, sunning or just plain resting. Although there has not been much activity at the Museum the last couple of months, the Archives has been a beehive due to the information various people and groups want in preparation for the Ypsilanti Heritage Festival to be held the weekend of August 23, 24 and 25th. Although the stepped up activity at this time makes additional work for Foster Fletcher and Billie Zolkosky, it is nice to know that we can contribute so much to the authenticity of the theme of the Festival.

In regard to the Society's activity during the Festival, this year we will not hold our Annual Trash and Treasure Sale due to the unavailability of the Carriage Barn. In its place the Board decided to hold a raffle, in which we give away Cash Prizes and some items from our Museum Gift Shop. As a consequence, I am asking every member to do their best to sell at least five raffle tickets. It is important that we have a good sale as this is our one big money-making project of the year. I know you will do your best and ahead of time I thank you for your effort.

David R. Gauntlett  
President-Ypsilanti Historical Society

## NEWS FROM THE MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

Our new inventory is beginning to arrive including items for the Fall Season and Christmas.

The Shop will be open extra hours for your convenience beginning the week of August 12th. Be sure to stop and browse for that Anniversary, Birthday and Christmas gifts

Monday, Wednesday and Friday-10:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon.

Support your local Historical Society by shopping at the

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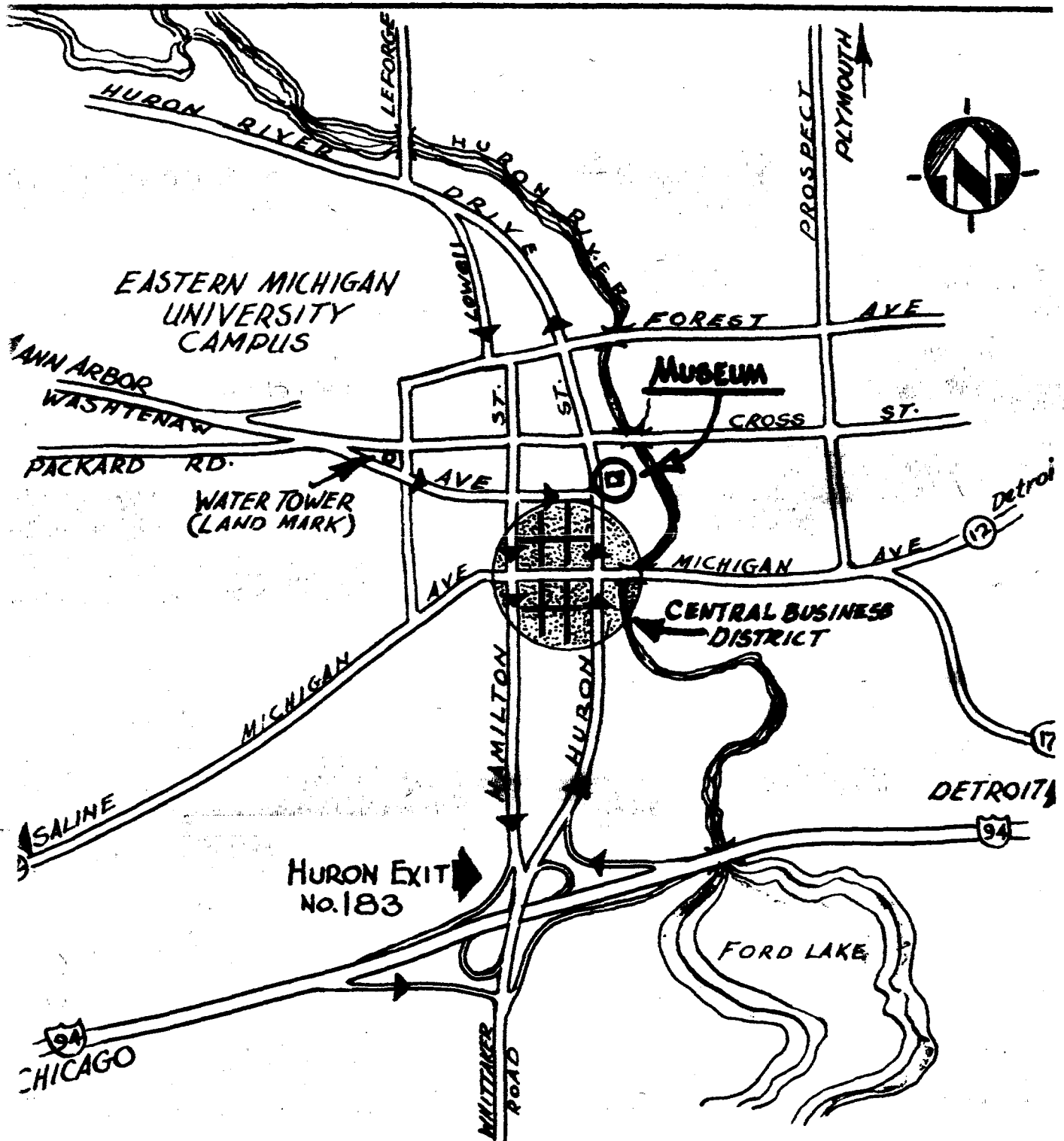
Some available items are:

Souvenirs of Ypsilanti - Linen Towels  
Commemorative Cup Plates- Rockdale Stoneware  
Atlas-Washtenaw County - Soft Dolls  
Doll House Furniture - Country Items  
Story of Ypsilanti-Colburn-  
Prints of Historical Buildings of Ypsilanti  
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